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SUBJECT ATTACKS ON "CIA AND U S IMPERIALIS"

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1. THERE HAVE BEEN AN INCREASING NUMBER OF MEDIA ARTICLES AND COLUMNS, PAMPHLETS AND TELEVISION COMMENTARIES IN RECENT WEEKS DECRYING THE NEFARIOUS ACTIVITIES OF THE CIA AND U.S. IMPERIALISM. MANY DRAW HEAVILY ON THE PHILIP AGEE BOOK AND PLAYBOY INTERVIEW AND MAKE THE POINT THAT WHAT HAPPENED IN VDCCHILE CAN HAPPEN HERE, I.E. JAMAICA IS ALSO A PROGRESSIVE, DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST COUNTRY WHICH HAS STEPPED ON THE TOES OF THE U.S.

2. THE MOST VICIOUS ATTACKS WERE OFFERED IN PAMPHLETS ISSUED BY THE WORKERS LIBERATION LEAGUE (WLL) WHICH ALSO CALLED FOR DEMONSTRATIONS "TO DEFEAT U.S. IMPERIALISM AND THEIR LOCAL AGENTS". THE WLL THESIS IS THAT THE OPPOSITION JLP, HAVING BEEN DEFEATED AT THE POLLS, NOW IS RECEIVING CIA MONEY AND BACKING TO OVERTHROW THE MANLEY GOVERNMENT. ALSO BRANDED AS VILLIANS ARE "PNP
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CAPITALISTS", SUCH AS ELI MATALON, ERIC BELL, VIVIAN

BLAKE, AND P.J. PATTERSON WHO ARE ATTACKING FROM INSIDE THE PARTY, AND WHO ARE TRYING TO DISCREDIT AND SILENCE TRUCE DEMOCRATS LIKE TONY SPAULDING, DR. D.K. DUNCAN, AND ARNOLD BERTRAM.

3. THE DEMONSTRATIONS PLANNED BY THE WLL ALLEGEDLY HAD THE SUPPORT OF THE PNP YOUTH ORGANIZATION AND OTHER RADICAL GROUPS. THEY DID NOT TAKE PLACE, HOWEVER, IN ONE INSTANCE A MARCH WAS CANCELLED IN RESPONSE TO AN APPEAL BY THE PM FOR CALM WHILE HE WAS OUT OF THE COUNTRY. RESCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 6, IT WAS AGAIN CANCELLED WHEN MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY AND JUSTICE MUNN DENIED A PARADE PERMIT, WHICH WOULD HAVE TAKEN THE DEMONSTRATORS INTO THE VOLATILE S.W. ST. ANDREW AREA, WHERE POLITICAL VIOLENCE HAS FLARED LATELY. MUNN DID OFFER THE WLL THE USE OF THE NATIONAL HEROES PARK, BUT THEY TURNED IT DOWN.

4. REGARDING THE ALLEGED PNP YOUTH SUPPORT FOR THE DEMONSTRATIONS PLANNED BY THE WLL, FM DUDLEY THOMPSON DENIED IN THE SENATE HAVING ANY KNOWLEDGE OF PARTICIPATION BY THE PNP OR ANY BRANCH OF IT. HE WAS QUICK TO ADD, NONETHELESS, THAT DEMONSTRATING AGAINST IMPERIALISM WAS "NO BIG THING" AS AMERICANS DID SO THEMSELVES, NOTABLY DURING THE VIETNAM WAR, AND THUS "SHOWED US THE WAY".

5. COMMENT: WHILE NEITHER PM MANLEY NOR THIS MINISTERS PUBLICLY HAVE ENDORSED THE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE CIA, NEITHER HAVE THEY DONE ANYTHING TO COUNTER THE CHARGES. THE CIA SMEAR ON THE JLP APPEARS TO SUIT THEIR PURPOSES. ONE JLP LEADER RECENTLY TOLD THE EMBASSY THAT THE SMEAR CAMPAIGN HAS HURT THE PARTY, EVEN AMONGST ITS TRADITIONAL SUPPORTERS.

6. THE AMBASSADOR BROUGHT SOME OF THE WILDER ACCUSATIONS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PRIME MINISTER IN MID-NOVEMBER, INCLUDING A RADIO REPORT THAT PNP SECRETARY GENERAL D.K. DUNCAN HAD TOLD A PARTY MEETING THAT THE CIA WAS SUPPORTING LOCAL REACTIONARIES BENT ON OVERTHROWING THE GOVERNMENT. IN A LETTER TO THE AMBASSADOR, RECEIVED DECEMBER 15, MANLEY DISMISSED THE REPORT IN ONE SENTENCE. "AS FAR AS CONFIDENTIAL

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DR. DUNCAN IS CONCERNED, MY INFORMATION IS THAT HIS REMARKS WERE QUOTED OUT OF CONTEXT AND SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED IN THE WAY YOUR LETTERS SUGGESTS."
GERARD

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